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Dear Mr. Chairman,

Our letters on Monday on the Ladner story in the Post crossed each other. Let me add to mine by apologizing for not having alerted you to the problem we had with House Assassinations Committee.

At the time I considered this an embarrassing but not serious issue. The individual involved was a GS-05. He showed extremely poor judgment in going into an open safe to look at some photographs. When he thought he was going to be caught in the act, he began a series

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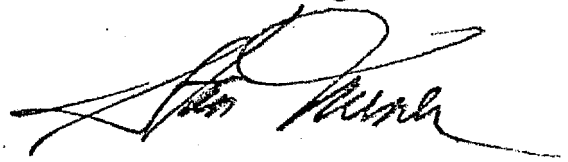
hasty cover-up actions which were also very foolhardy. I dismissed him as soon as I had assured myself that there was no wider implication to his actions.

Although this was not a problem worthy of major attention, I should have informed you because it involved the House of Representatives. I am sorry.

Yours sincerely,



The Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives

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